

SWOSU Hosting FTC Robotics State Championship This Weekend

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University will host the State of Oklahoma First Tech Challenge robotics championship this Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, on the Weatherford campus.

Twenty-six teams from across Oklahoma and one from Albuquerque (NM) will be on the SWOSU campus for the "Bowled Over" event that will have activities starting on Friday afternoon in the SWOSU Wellness Center. The opening ceremony will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday with qualification rounds beginning at 9:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is planned for 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to stop by the state competition, which is sponsored by the SWOSU Departments of Engineering Technology and Computer Science and national sponsor Rockwell Collins.

Brad Fitzgerald of the SWOSU Engineering Technology Department said the teams will arrive on Friday afternoon to participate in judged interviews and for practices. High school teams comprised of 10 members each have designed, built and programmed robots to compete against other teams' robots.

Teams coming to the event are four from Oklahoma City, three teams from Tulsa, two teams from Verdigris and Ardmore and one each from Ada, Altus, Omega, Weatherford, Kingfisher, Okarche, Watonga, Newcastle, Salina, Muskogee, Meeker, Duncan, Clinton, Mustang, Taloga and Albuquerque, N.M.

The state event is made possible by SWOSU, NASA, City of Weatherford Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, Stafford Air & Space Museum and Bar-S Foods Company.

For more information about the competition, contact Fitzgerald at 580.774.3162.